Notice of Extension of Comment Period and Availability of Additional Information Regarding Proposed Amendment to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for Air Quality

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of the extension of the comment period in the proceeding to amend section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (R.C.S.A.) concerning the control of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions. On September 12, 2006, a notice of intention to amend this regulation was published in the Connecticut Law Journal and four area newspapers (The Register Citizen, The Day, The Hartford Courant and the Connecticut Post). After publication of this notice, the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA), among others, requested additional time to provide comments on the proposed amendment. While not granting all of the additional time being requested, the comment period, which was scheduled to end on October 27, 2006, is hereby extended to the close of business on November 15, 2006. The public hearing will be held as scheduled on October 19, 2006 at 10 AM.

Information about this proposed rule is contained in the original notice published on September 12, 2006 and is posted on the Department's website at http://www.dep.state.ct.us/air2/regs/index.htm. The proposed amendment is also available for review at the Law Reference Desk at the Connecticut State Library, and the Torrington, New London, and Bridgeport public libraries, and during normal business hours can be obtained from Patricia Downes at the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 5th floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. All interested persons should submit comments to the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. All comments should be directed to the attention of Patricia Downes and must be received by 4:30 PM on November 15, 2006. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 424-4063 or by electronic mail to patricia.downes@po.state.ct.us.

In addition, the Department is providing notice that in response to requests from various members of the public, additional information regarding the proposed amendment will be made available on or about October 10, 2006. This information, in a question and answer format, will be posted on the Department's website at the following link: http://www.dep.state.ct.us/air2/regs/index.htm. This information will also be made available for review at the Law Reference Desk at the Connecticut State Library, and the Torrington, New London, and Bridgeport public libraries, and during normal business hours can be obtained from Patricia Downes at the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT.

Any person who needs further information may contact Patricia Downes by telephone at (860) 424-3027 or by electronic mail at patricia.downes@po.state.ct.us .	
October 3, 2006 Date	/s/Gina McCarthy Commissioner